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TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

NORTHERN EXPEDITION.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 16, 9.30 a.m.

The Nanking Assembly is agitating for a military demonstration in the North.

The publication of the Cabinet is delayed because the Assembly has cut down the Boards to ten instead the twelve submitted by Yuan Shih-kai. Negotiations are proceeding by telegraph.

When the matter is settled the Provisional Government will move to Peking.

REMARKABLE DEMONSTRATION.

Bombay, Mar. 16, 7.15 a.m.

A remarkable Franco-Chinese demonstration was made in Paris at a banquet organised by Mr. Wu, Chinese Minister at Rome.

A numerous company was present including the ex-Premier M. Monis, Anatole France, many Deputies, Chinese diplomats in London, St. Petersburg and Vienna. There were also many students, all in European costume. Mr. Wu made a speech in excellent French and proclaimed the Republic as essentially pacific. Its motto, he said, was liberty and justice.—Reuter.

ENGLISH LOANS.

London, Mar. 15, 1.55 p.m.

Replying to Mr. Fell in the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey said an English group were contributing advances to the Chinese Government, he had been informed, and they were entitled to look to his Majesty's Government for support in the event of difficulties regarding payment, but the Government had no pecuniary liability.—Reuter.

A DEATH INDEMNITY.

Shanghai, March 15.

During the mutiny at Tientsin a soldier shot a German doctor, who subsequently died. The German Minister at Peking entered into negotiations with the Chinese Government for Foreign Affairs, and the latter has agreed to indemnify the relations of the deceased to the extent of \$100,000.

ATTEMPTED DISSOLUTION.
The delegates at Hupeh intend trying to dissolve the Assembly at Nanking and to form a Provisional Parliament. They have despatched representatives to Peking in connection with the matter.

HONOUR DECLINED.

The Provincial Council in Shanghai have elected Chong Wan-foon as Governor-General, but he has refused to accept the post.

APPOINTMENTS SUSPENDED.

The appointment of commissioners and deputy commissioners to the various Boards will not be decided until the arrival of Yang Shao-yi at Nanking.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

BOTH SIDES PESSIMISTIC.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 16, 7.15 a.m.

Both owners and miners are pessimistic. The miners of North Wales are expressing anxiety for resumption.

PITS REOPEN.

The feature of to-day's news is that two Lancashire pits have been reopened and that another is expected to follow.

There are reports of growing dissatisfaction in parts of Scotland, Wales, the Midlands and Yorkshire with the lenders' policy and the smallness of the strike pay. In consequence a number of labour M.P.'s are going down to these districts.

NOTHING DONE.

The resumption of the Conference yesterday afternoon was delayed owing to a prolonged meeting of the Miners' Federation.

Sir Hugh Bell has declared that matters are not progressing well and that nothing has been done.

MORE STOPPAGES.

London, Mar. 15, 11.55 a.m.

Additional quarries and iron and brick works have closed in North Wales and to-day there are further reductions in the service on the Welsh railways.—Reuter.

GLOOMY REPORTS.

London, Mar. 15, 6.25.

Reports to-night are most gloomy. It is stated that the conferences have only accentuated the differences and an abrupt termination of the negotiations is apprehended.

Before the Commons adjourned, Mr. R. McKenna informed Mr. Bonar Law that he could only say that the conference was still sitting and possibly would be continued to-morrow.—Reuter.

VARYING MINIMUM.

London, March 15.

The minimum wage demanded varies from 4/11 to 7/6, according to the district, and 2s. for all boys.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

The latest figures relating to the unemployed other than those in the mining industry are:—Steel, iron and tinplate workers, 236,500; textile, 85,380; railways, 77,000; dockers, 68,050; potteries 80,000; builders, 29,700; sailors and trimmers, 29,700; lace, 25,000; lace, 8,200; fishermen, 7,500; engineers, 7,500; linoleum, 6,500; coalporters, 6,100; coal shippers, 5,000; sweetmeats, 3,500; quarrymen, 3,500; chain and anchor-makers, 3,100; pig-iron, 3,000; chemicals, 2,500; soap, 2,000; agricultural implements, 1,750; glass, 1,550; cable rope makers, 1,000; fireclay, 900; tramwaymen, 300; unclassified, 20,350.

BURIED ALIVE.

Two men were buried alive while digging for coal in an outcrop at St. Helen's.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

"TRAGICALLY CHILDISH."

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 15, 5.15 a.m.

Press comments on the coal situation are typified by the observations of the Radical "Daily News" that "the persistent irreconcilability of the extremists on both sides is tragically childish and gravely disloyal, not only to the community but to the vast majority of moderate men in both camps who would have settled the whole business weeks ago, but for a minority of the owners fighting a minority of the miners while distress was accumulating with terrible rapidity."—Reuter.

SPILL CRITICAL.

London, Mar. 15, 4.30 a.m.

The position is still critical. The Miners' Federation resolution of the 14th inst., as submitted to the joint conference, makes it clear that the assent to negotiate locally refers only to the wages of employees other than coal-getters. The concession thus does not refer to the minimum schedule, on acceptance of which the Federation insists before entering into district negotiations.—Reuter.

TIN SHARES.

BOOM IN LONDON.

London, Mar. 15, 10.20 a.m.

Nigerian tin shares are booming, and new companies are being formed daily. Exciting scenes are being witnessed in Throgmorton Street.—(Our Own Correspondent.)

COURT AFFRAY.

JUDGE KILLED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 15, 1.55 p.m.

A message from Roanoke, Virginia, states that five persons were killed and 23 wounded in a fight in the court-house at Sillsville, Blue Mountains, on the occasion of the sentencing of a member of the notorious Allen gang for a petty offence. The brothers and friends of the prisoner fired, killing the judge and prosecutor instantly, a battle ensuing.—Reuter.

ASSAILANTS RETIRE.

London, Mar. 15, 11.55 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Roanoke states that finally the assailants backed out of the Court house, revolvers in hand, mounted their horses and disappeared, a posse of citizens going in pursuit.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

METHUEN'S SUCCESSOR.

LT.-GEN. HART.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 16, 7.15 a.m.

Lieutenant-General Sir R. C. Hart, V.C., has been gazetted to succeed Lord Methuen in South Africa.—Reuter.

ATTEMPTED REGICIDE.

ROME'S JOY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 15, 4.25 p.m.

Rome was filled yesterday with enormous crowds of people, jubilating at the escape of their King.

Huge processions marched to the Quirinal, where the Senators and Deputies waited to congratulate their Majesties.—Reuter.

CANTON NEWS.

(“Telegraph” Correspondent.)

Canton, March 15.

Ng Shok-ying, commissioner for the suppression of opium, has despatched a telegram to the Press Society and the Anti-Opium Society at Canton pointing out that under the Manchu dynasty the campaign against the use of opium was vigorously pursued. During the last three or four months, owing to the unsettled state of China, the movement, says the communication, was somewhat retarded, and as a consequence many shops for dealing with the drug sprang once more into existence.

This, it is urged, was no fault of the officials, as their time was otherwise actively engaged, and people in the interior were under the false impression that the business in this drug could be resumed.

After pointing out that the existing treaty will not be cancelled by the new government, he expressed his intention of introducing drastic measures for the total prohibition of poppy cultivation in China, and of reopening negotiations with the British Government, whereby the term during which opium may be imported, will be considerably shortened.

As matters now stand the term will expire during the fifth year of the republic and the people are urged to give up the habit as the supply will soon be extinguished.

The Governor-General has issued a proclamation to the effect that quiet has been restored in Canton. He expressed regret that so many should have suffered loss through the rioting and has ordered enquiries to be made with a view to awarding them compensation.

TELEGRAMS.

THE KING.

VISITS CANCELLED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London Mar. 15, 8.50 p.m.

Owing to the strike the visits of the King to foreign courts, which were due in the Spring, have been abandoned as far as 1912 is concerned, as even in the event of a settlement the distress and unrest will continue for some time.

Their Majesties' home engagements prevent them from going abroad in the summer or autumn.—Reuter.

AN AMUSING DEMURRER.

Pacific Captain's Breach of Promise.

Captain William W. Greene, master of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamship Ohiyo-maru, was recently made defendant in a \$50,000 breach of promise suit filed by Miss Gertrude Macfarlane. His initial volley in what promises to be a lively legal battle is the filing in the Superior Court of a demurrer to the complaint of the young woman, who claims that he jilted her.

Miss Macfarlane alleged that she and Captain Greene were to have been married on October 14 last, and that on October 13 they went to the County Clerk's office together and secured the license. That, however, was as near as they ever got to the altar, and because the olinax was never reached, she demands compensation in the sum of \$50,000.

Since the day the complaint was filed the captain's attorneys have filed a demurrer.

In the first place, the complaint recites that the plaintiff expended \$1,000 in clothes on the strength of their engagement, but the defendant holds that, inasmuch as all persons must be clothed and it does not appear that the clothing purchased was unsuited to a single person, he fails to see that its purchase damaged the lady.

Referring to the charge that through his failure to marry her the plaintiff was held up to public ridicule and scorn, the captain says: "Considering that in law and in fact such an unhappy plight would deserve only sympathy from the public, it is not clear how she was held up to ridicule, or how her damage was thus aggravated."

Another charge which Greene's attorneys declare insufficient is the simple statement that the defendant promised to marry the plaintiff, for, they say, there is nothing to show that she is still ready, willing and able to carry out such a promise.

If Greene's demurrer is sustained, the case will be wiped from the court records, otherwise the veteran skipper will be forced to defend himself in a struggle which Miss Macfarlane says will be fought to the bitter end.

TELEGRAMS.

U. S. AND MEXICO.

GUN-RUNNING PENALTIES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 15, 6.25 p.m.

President Taft, by virtue of the Bill passed by Congress on Feb. 14, has proclaimed the penalties for exporting arms to Mexico to be a fine of \$10,000 or two years' imprisonment.—Reuter.

SUDDITE.

A Remarkable Discovery.

A remarkable discovery is reported from the Sudan rivaling the progress made with the utilization of heat as fuel. It is that the sudd of the Nile so long looked upon as the curse of that region is really a valuable fuel. Captain Bonett Wampier has recently opened out an experimental factory at Khartum for the manufacture of briquettes which are made simply by taking so much raw sudd, chopping and drying it, and pressing it into small compact briquettes. With these briquettes as fuel a steamer was run up the White Nile over a prescribed length of 85 miles and results compared with a similar run made the previous day, using Welsh coal as fuel. With coal the run was made in seven hours and with suddite in seven hours and seven minutes. Two tons of suddite will do the work of one ton of Welsh coal and more economically. At Tewfikieh the latter costs \$4 2s. 1d. per ton and the former 22s. 6d. per ton or \$2 5s. for two tons showing suddite costs a little more than half what coal costs to do the same work at that particular place, where fuel is most in demand at present. Large works are planned at Tewfikieh for its manufacture, and it is believed the fuel has a large future before it since there is no coal in Egypt. It is even proposed to introduce an article which may be described as enriched suddite, the cost of which will exceed that of ordinary suddite briquettes by only a few shillings a ton, while its value as a fuel will be three times that of coal. This sounds a little sanguine, but if it is true the fortune of the Sudan may be said to be made. There are 35,000 square miles of sudd in the Sudan, the growth consists of plants from 15 feet to 20 feet high and it is reproduced so rapidly that it is said within three weeks of cutting the plants again grow up to a height of 7.12 feet. There is no coal in the Sudan and in consequence industrial enterprise has no chance; but if the place of coal be supplied by suddite, cotton-ginning, rice-milling and sugar manufacture can at once be undertaken in the country itself, the sudd can be floated down the river at nominal cost into Egypt and could even be exported to Port Sudan and used for all the coal-burning on the Red Sea. It is a singular feature of both peat and sudd that they abound in regions where coal does not exist.—(Ind. Eng.)

TELEGRAMS.

PROFESSOR THOMSON.

ORDER OF MERIT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 16, 7.15 a.m.

Sir Joseph John Thomson, professor of physics, Royal Institution, London, has been awarded the Order of Merit.—Reuter.

KEPPEL'S PET AVERSION.

If there were two things which the late Sir Henry Keppel, the veteran admiral and personal friend of King Edward, detested more than anything else, they were doctoring and nursing. He once told that Mr. Gladstone was ill.

"Ah," he said, "he is over-nursed. If he would do as I do—climb up eighty steps, have a cold bath every day, and sleep with his windows always open—he would never be ill."

Sir Henry's temperament was not fitted for unmitigated domesticity, says Sir Algernon West in his "Memoirs" of the famous admiral. After one of his accidents he tore off the bandages the doctor had put on him and went away for a change and some amusement. His over-anxious wife in a day or two telegraphed to him:—

"How are you, and where shall I find you?" To which, to her infinite amusement, the answer came:—

"Am quite well. You cannot find me."

On another occasion he met Mr. Manley Sims, his doctor, who wanted to know how he was. He did not recognize him, and said:—

"Quite well, and all the better for not having seen that beast of a doctor of mine for some time."

BRITISH VISITORS IN RUSSIA.

An Unpleasant Incident.

The reactionary priest Heli-dorus, the Abbot of Tseritsyn, who has been exiled to a remote monastery in the Government of Vladimir for championing the cause of the recalcitrant Bishop Hermogenes, has begun a pilgrimage on foot from St. Petersburg to the Monastery of the Trinity of Saint Sergius, at Sergievsky Posad, in the Government of Moscow. He started off dressed in a warm cassock and cowl and carrying his famous crook, carved with a clenched fist. Hundreds of sympathizers, mostly women, accompanied him through the city, while the populace followed him in throngs. The police, however, prevented the people from singing psalms, and drove them off the principal avenues.

Bishop Hermogenes, who has been ordered to be exiled to the Zhitovitsky Monastery, near Slonim, for persistent insubordination, affiliated at a morning service recently, when he preached against his persecutors and denounced the party of British visitors, which included the Speaker of the House of Commons, several members of Parliament, peers, bishops, and men of affairs, as heretics.

The case of Bishop Hermogenes is stirring orthodox Russia profoundly. Dozens of priests and members of the Duma sympathize with Hermogenes, and Vladimir M. Puzhikovich, president of the Reactionary League of the Archangel Michael, intimates that the Procurator of the Holy Synod on the subject of the Duma.

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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

The Outlook in China.

If these outbreaks (of fighting among the Chinese) are so prevalent in the provinces along the great rivers, where foreign intercourse is more or less important, we may safely assume that in the interior there is no better condition of affairs, though the public hears little or nothing about what is actually transpiring. On the whole, we think that the outlook is by no means satisfactory or reassuring, and in view of what may yet transpire the Foreign Powers are well advised to be prepared for any emergencies, though there is only a remote probability that foreign lives may be imperilled, or foreign property attacked. Of course it cannot be foreseen what the future may develop, but the past history of China hardly warrants us in believing that stability is yet within sight.

Daily Press.

The Governor.

We may borrow the words of the Address presented to His Excellency by the Civil Servants of the Colony and say it is impossible within the limits of a leading article to review all the principal events of the past few years, or to enumerate the various subjects, in some cases of great importance to the Colony, which have engaged His Excellency's attention and received the benefit of his wise judgment; but, although the foundation of the University will doubtless be regarded as the outstanding feature of Sir Frederick Lugard's Governorship of the Colony, we cannot omit on the eve of his departure to emphasise the eminent services he has rendered in connection with such important business as the Colony's finances, the amendment of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance (following upon the report of the Sanitation Commission), and a host of other matters covered by the abnormally long list of legislative enactments during the last four years. It seems a mistaken policy that after a Governor has put in five years of hard work in such a Colony as this, and has acquired a thorough mastery of every detail of the administration, and an appreciation of the Colony's needs, and has earned the esteem and confidence of all classes of the community, he should then be transferred to a sphere of labour in which the knowledge he has been at such pains to acquire is of little or no service.

South China Morning Post.

God Speed.

In wishing His Excellency and Lady Lugard good-bye to-day the colony can give expression not only to its gratitude for all that has been done in the colony's interests, but convey the sincerest hope of the community that her ladyship may speedily regain her health and be for many years a colleague and an inspirer to Sir Frederick Lugard in his mission of empire building another part of the world, regarding which the "Times" of the 16th ult. says: "Sir Frederick Lugard was the first to inspire the splendid administration which British officers have created in Northern Nigeria, and no man is more fitted by capacity, experience and popularity with the service he goes to control to carry out the difficult administrative change which lies before the two Protectorates."

(Continued from last Saturday.)

The last words in Subsection 8, after the word "distance", which are copied from the corresponding Section in the Home Act, have evidently been inserted by mistake, inasmuch as it is impossible to prohibit a Company from commencing business which lawfully commenced prior to 1912, and is still carrying it on; and manifestly incorrect to declare not binding a contract validly entered into by a duly registered Company before the commencement of the Ordinance. The words in question in the Act of 1908, have reference only to Companies incorporated after the Act of 1900, which contained similar provisions respecting the commencement of business, but which Act was not extended to Hongkong. It is considered probable that the above will be amended by

to vote a gratuity to a retiring employee; although as said by Bowen L. J. in the case cited: "I am by no means prepared to say that the directors might not, and that a Company might not, when a meritorious servant is leaving their service present him with a £5 note. It should be very sorry to decide anything of the kind, but I say that there must be a limit, and the limit is what is necessary in the reasonable management of the affairs of the Company." Where a Company has ceased to do business, and is in course of being wound up, there cannot exist any reason whatever for the granting of gratuities to servants, and any resolution of the Company to make such grant would be *ultra vires*. This was held in 1903 in the case of *Street v. Royal Aquarium, & Society* 89 L. T. 243, in which case, the property of the Company having been sold for a large price, a resolution was passed by the Company to distribute, of the purchase money, the sum of £7,800 amongst the officers and servants of the Company as an extra remuneration for their past services. Such resolution was held to be invalid, and an injunction was granted restraining the liquidators from carrying it into effect, and the directors were ordered to pay the costs of the action.

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FAREWELL!

By the time these words are read Sir Frederick Lugard will have left Hongkong. Even as we write them he is taking farewell and manifestations of sorrow genuinely keen and poignant. Only now, when the wrench of parting comes, are people fully realising how deep and secure is his hold upon the affections of all classes. We rather think that in years to come, when Hongkong and its affairs have ceased to be active, in his thoughts, first among the memories which will surge in upon his mind at times will be the kindly reflection that his name and his work holds always a place in the hearts of every class in Hongkong.

We say that he will hold this place always because the feeling shown to-day went deeper than regret merely at parting with a governor for whom the people of Hongkong had admiration. There is all the difference in the world between admiration and regard. Fireworks in speech or action will get a man admired, but will not gain affection for him. Sir Frederick Lugard being a modest man has rigidly eschewed fireworks and he has won for himself a secure and lasting place in the hearts of the many classes and the peoples of many nations who go to form the Colony of Hongkong.

Some days ago we referred here to his work in connection with the University opened on Monday. That will probably be his most enduring memorial here. To those who know him most intimately, however, he will best be remembered—aside from his charm as a friend,—for his careful, painstaking attention to detail and to the little things that count. This characteristic was remarked in an appreciation in our columns yesterday and need not further be urged. It is touched here only because that passion for grasping every detail of whatever came before him must largely have contributed to his success in placing the finances of the Colony on a firm footing. "We may hope that we have surmounted our financial difficulties, satisfactorily and permanently," he said in April last, and the credit for placing the finances of the Colony upon a sound basis is largely his. Nor will Hongkong forget the fact or fail to recall it with feelings of respect for Sir Frederick Lugard.

The Colony wishes him every success in the wider sphere to which he has been called. High and low, too, join in the fervent hope that Lady Lugard will, soon be restored to good health and will be able actively to pursue at Home those duties for which her accomplishments so peculiarly fit her.

Sir Frederick Lugard, then, is gone; and the community is keenly regretful and yet proud—sorry to lose him, proud of his advancement. His new task is a difficult one but it must surely be to him in the days to come when the task seems trying (as at times it is almost certain to soon) a cheer and an inspiration that, on a sea-girt island far removed from Nigeria, are people who remember him tenderly for a wise governor and a kindly gentleman and who wish him abundantly well.

DAY BY DAY.

True, excellence requires a wide sphere in which to expand.

To-day's Paper.

The interesting series on the powers and duties of Directors is continued on page 3. The Short Sermon and the coupon for the Photographic Competition will be found on page 8.

H.M.S. Hawke is expected here next Monday.

H.M.S. Cambrian proceeds to Mira Bay on Monday to carry out exercises.

Mr. Gerald S. Samuel, son of Sir Marcus Samuel, the founder and head of Messrs. Samuel & Co., London, is making a tour of the Far East.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to appoint Mr. Clementi to act as Colonial Secretary and Mr. Richard Hayes Croft to act as Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils, with effect from to-day.

The Forty Immortals of America, whose names will go upon the rolls of that institution when Congress passes the bill for that purpose now pending, have been announced by the National Institute of Arts and Letters. The list includes the names of Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, William Dean Howells, James Whitcomb Riley of Indianapolis, and President Hadley, of Yale.

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

A dividend of \$5 per share is recommended by the General Agents and Consulting Committee of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. The report and balance sheet to be presented at the thirty-fourth annual meeting on March 25 will appear in these columns on Monday.

Cleveland Tourists.

The S.S. Cleveland, which visited Hongkong some time back, has again arrived at this port with a large number of tourists on board, and it is expected that many of them will visit the University Bazaar to-day. Yesterday and this morning they were busy sight seeing in the city though they experienced some discomfort from the low temperature prevailing.

Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.

The report of the General Agents of the Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., for presentation at the thirtieth annual meeting on March 25, shows that the gain on working was \$94,370.84 and that after allowing for all charges the balance at debit carried forward had been reduced to \$68,600.07. The report and balance sheet will be published in full on Monday.

The Farewell "At Home."

Despite the unfavourable conditions which prevailed last night there was a large attendance at the "At Home" given at Government House, invitations for which had been issued in the names of His Excellency and Lady Lugard. Unfortunately the latter was unable to receive the guests, that duty being performed by Sir Frederick alone. Dancing was kept up in the ball room until midnight.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary Sworn.

The following announcement appears in to-day's issue of the Government Gazette:—

It is hereby notified that, His Excellency Sir Frederick John Doolley Lugard, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, having left the Colony this day, the prescribed oath of office were administered by His Honour the Chief Justice in the presence of the Executive Council to the Honourable Mr. Claud Severn, Colonial Secretary of the Colony, and that Mr. Claud Severn thereupon assumed the administration of the government in virtue of His Majesty's commission given at the Court at St. James's on the fourteenth day of October, 1903.

PUBLIC FAREWELL TO THE GOVERNOR.

Scene at the City Hall.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S GENEROUS THANKS.

"Good bye and thank you very much for the address" were the last words of Lady Lugard as she left St. George's Hall this morning, after the final adieu had been said. Though still very unwell she had attended this last official function, looking charming in a handsome costume of white trimmed with black, with a large black hat and a small bouquet of red roses.

Just upon eleven o'clock most of the K.O.Y.L.I. took up positions, lining the route from Government House to the City Hall, making a fine show, dressed in review order, and standing at ease with bayonets fixed. Shortly after the hour, H.E., Major General Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, and an A.D.C. passed down the lines to the City Hall, and at 11.20 the gubernatorial party left Government House.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard led the way in chairs, escorted by 10 Sikh policemen under a European officer, and the party was completed by the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, the officer administering the government, and Captains Simpson and Taylor, the Governor's private secretary and A. D. O. respectively.

Meanwhile a large number of Hongkong's principal inhabitants gathered in the St. George's Hall, among whom were to be noticed the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. W. Chatham, the Hon. Mr. Rees Davies, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Bishop Banister, Bishop Pizzoni, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Col. Mr. and Miss St. John, Mr. and Mrs. Edo, Brother Christian, Dr. J. W. Noble, Ho Pook, Lau Chu-pak, Ng Hon-tsz, Sia Tak-fan, F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tooker, Mr. C. H. Crofton, H. W. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Maitland, Mr. W. J. Gresson, Mr. and Mrs. Lander, Miss Byres, Mr. C. Clementi, Mr. H. Bryer, Mr. A. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A. Halton, Mr. J. M. Hodgson, Mr. Leiria, and a host of others, who filled the room.

The Governor's party on reaching the City Hall were met in the vestibule by the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and by them escorted to the St. George's Hall. The short procession was headed by Her Excellency, who was carefully taken up the stairs in a hand chair, closely followed by His Excellency and the members of the legislative bodies.

Arriving at the red dais on which two chairs had been set, Lady Lugard left her conveyance and took up her position at the left of her husband, the rest of the party occupying the front seats.

A short interval elapsed while others sought places in the Hall and Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., rose and after addressing the Governor in a few short words, proceeded to read the address which was punctuated at intervals with loud bursts of applause, as the chief items in the long list of Sir Frederick's achievements were mentioned. Nor were plaudits behind hand when the address paid a glowing tribute to Her Excellency and the "triumphs won by womanly benevolence, and shining intellectual and social gifts." This reference was heartily endorsed by the applause of those present while His Excellency showed unmistakable tribute.

The address in roll form was handsomely bound in dark blue morocco and enclosed in a black wood box, the corners of which were artistically decorated with gold fittings. A medallion on the lid, also of gold, bore the arms of the colony heavily embossed, while to the look was fitted a gold key set off with dark blue ribbons.

Sir Paul, mounting the dais presented the address to His Excellency, who handed it to Lady Lugard. She was also the recipient of a handsome basket of white flowers set off with ribbons of pale rose, and heliotrope.

If His Excellency's speech was brief it was also manly. Speaking in a low voice which showed clear signs of the emotion under which he was labouring, Sir Frederick's reply testified to the keen regret he felt at parting with the many friends he had made in Hongkong, and at intervals Lady Lugard with a pleasant smile and sometimes a gentle inclination of the head signified how much she was in accordance with the sentiments expressed by her husband.

This concluded the speech-making and as those present rose Sir Paul Chater called for three cheers for Their Excellencies which were most heartily given. Then Lady Lugard's chair was again brought before the dais, and seating herself in it she was carried down the aisle, taking leave of many of her friends, whom she happened to see in her progress through the room. The ordeal seemed to have tried her somewhat, for her face appeared a trifle paler but as she passed out of the hall she made use of the words quoted above speaking in a low clear voice, which was audible only in the immediate neighbourhood.

Arriving again in the vestibule she entered her sedan chair and the small party moved off through the streets, lined, now, with men of the R.G.A. who kept back a large crowd of sightseers, who gathered thickest in Paddox St.

On rising to read, and present the address Sir Paul Chater said:—We have asked you to come here to-day that we may present you, on your departure from the Colony, which you have served so eminently, an address of farewell from the community. That the duty of reading that address has fallen upon me is an honour of which I am vastly proud and with your permission, Sir, I shall now read the address.

The address was in the following terms:—

To His Excellency Sir Frederick John Doolley Lugard, Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of the Bath, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order.

Your Excellency—

His Most Gracious Majesty the King having summoned you to serve as His Representative in another part of the Empire, we, residents in the Crown Colony of Hongkong, desire, on this the occasion of your departure, to testify to our appreciation of the advantages which we have derived from your tenure of the high office of Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

That high office you assumed nearly five years ago, and, over since, we have been learning to realise, more and more, your merits as an administrator. The fame of these was world-wide before you came among us, but it rested upon success achieved in dealing with administrative problems different from those arising here. The problems which arise here demand from the Head of the Administration not only firmness; not only a high sense of duty; but also broad sympathy with, and wise consideration for, the thoughts, the feelings, the customs and the faiths of our heterogeneous population.

In dealing with our administrative problems you have displayed that sympathetic insight which is the secret of their effective solution. Especially was sympathetic insight needed to solve the problems presented to you on arrival, arising out of the state of the law relating to the preservation of the public health. The need for revision had been already acknowledged, and the work begun, but upon you fell the task of completing it, and of inspiring confidence that all unnecessary rigour in carrying out necessary reform, would be systematically avoided. The assurances given by Your Excellency in the Legislative Council, together with the example of your earnest endeavours to secure efficiency without in-

flicting hardship, earned the gratitude of the community in general, and of the Chinese section of the community in particular.

Again, Your Excellency earned the gratitude of the entire community by the masterly manner in which you grappled with the financial difficulties brought about by unforeseen developments in the anti-opium policy of His Majesty's Government. The task of re-adjusting the burden of taxation was carried out by you with every evidence of a desire to meet the wishes and study the needs of all whose interests were affected by the changes thus rendered necessary. The imposition of new taxes inevitably causes friction, but the inevitable friction was reduced to a minimum by your considerate methods. The Colony's budget for the present year bears eloquent testimony to the wisdom of your financial measures.

The importance to the Colony of pushing forward the undertakings of the Public Work Department has been fully recognised by Your Excellency, and you have had the satisfaction of witnessing the completion of the Kowloon Reservoir, the Post Office and the Court of Justice. It will not be forgotten that the construction of the Harbour of Refuge at Yau-mai was initiated during the period of your Governorship, and that the work on the Ty-tam Extension was begun.

Not only in conducting the internal affairs of the Colony have you exercised the legislative, financial and executive functions of your high office with conspicuous ability; not only have you thus inspired confidence and compelled esteem; you have also won well merited popularity by making yourself readily accessible to all who sought to represent their views. Furthermore you have brought to bear upon the external relations of the Colonial Government qualities of statesmanship eminently calculated to promote friendly understanding and to pave the way for mutually advantageous arrangements. One such mutually advantageous arrangement was arrived at by Your Excellency in connection with the Preliminary Agreement under which the British and Chinese Sections of the Kowloon-Canton Railway are now harmoniously working together.

Over and above these, and a host of other most arduous official duties, you have taken upon yourself, with all the enthusiasm of a labour of love, the study and encouragement of our educational system. To improve and expand it you have laboured indefatigably, and we rejoice to think that in taking leave of these labours you should have the satisfaction of seeing them crowned by the opening of the new University.

The University is Your Excellency's creation. It owes its existence to your initiative and tenacity of purpose. To this it is a monument. It is much more. It is a monument to the beneficent aims of British Rule—a sign that the King's Representatives encourage high aspirations among the peoples committed to their care. Here, on the confines of China, where the problems of Greater Britain touch the problems of an ancient civilization, now in the throes of re-adjustment to the conditions of modern progress, the responsibilities of the King's Representatives are indeed great; and, because you have discharged them greatly, we derive, at parting, satisfaction from the thought that your services are not being lost to the Empire, but that you are returning to West Africa to consolidate the government of those wide realms with which History will ever associate your name. In getting out for them you carry away from here the good wishes of a community united in gratitude towards Your Excellency. Our gratitude goes out also towards Lady Lugard. It is no secret—you have made it none—that you and she are one in all things; and, as she participates in your triumphs, so you participate in her's—triumphs won by womanly benevolence, and shining intellectual and social gifts. That you may both live long, to devote to the nobler ends of public service the life you share, is our earnest hope in bidding you farewell.

Hongkong, 10th March, 1912.

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His Excellency in reply said, Sir. The address you have just read completely overwhelms me and I can find no words in which to thank you. The occasion, no doubt, is one which excuses some excess in kindly appreciation, but in the terms in which you have described my work here, I fail to find anything I can recognise as descriptive of myself. If, as you have kindly said, it is the truth that my tenure of office has been moderately successful, there is no one who is more entirely aware than I am myself that the secret lies in the ability and loyal co-operation of my colleagues, both official and unofficial, with whom it has been my privilege to be associated in this Colony (cheers). Sir, in my heart I feel that it is I who ought to be presenting this address to you and not you to me. It is I who have to thank my colleagues, for their never failing courtesy and ready advice, and the whole community for a personal friendliness and kindness which has made every day's work in this Colony a pleasure since I came here. For my own part I can only claim that I have done my level best and I have not spared hard work in the endeavour to discharge to the almost of my ability the duties of my office. Sir, in the reference you made to my wife you have touched a note that vibrates deeply. There is one abiding regret with which we both leave Hongkong. It is that she has been unable through ill health to play her part here as she would have wished to play it, by my side every day since I have been in the Colony. But it was not to be, and you can only faintly know how deep and sincere has been her interest in every single thing connected with Hongkong. We are one, as you said in all things, and we are one in our deep and sincere regret at leaving you. On her behalf, and on my own, I say good bye with a sorrowful heart to all our friends both European and Chinese. We thank you gratefully and most sincerely for all the kindness and courtesy and consideration; and also for the sympathy in times of anxiety and private sorrow which we have received at your hands. They will never be forgotten (Cheers).

Sir Paul Chater then called for three cheers for Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard and the company cheered lustily.

All present accompanied Their Excellencies to Blake Pier where the Government launch awaited them. Blake Pier and neighbourhood were thronged with the people of all nationalities. Lined up in front was the K.O.Y.L.I. regiment. The route to a point close by Duddell Street was lined by the members of the R.G.A.

On arrived at Blake Pier Sir Frederick reviewed the regiment, accompanied by Major General Anderson and Major Talloch, and then rejoined Lady Lugard who remained in her chair, in which she was carried to the launch.

Passing through the crowd of well wishers, Lady Lugard showed unobtrusive emotion and sobbed audibly as she remarked "Good bye, good bye, I hope soon to be well, good bye, good bye."

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HUGHES COMEDY COMPANY.

Another Success with "Fiddle Dee Dee."

The first observation to be made regarding the piece staged last night by the Hughes Comedy Company is that it is happily named. There is a kind of story which begins with its head in the clouds and ends with its tail in the air, so to speak, but it is a crazy story with no flesh on its bones. "Fiddle Dee Dee" hits it off very finely.

There is rather more music in the new piece than in the "Speculators" and quite as much fun. There is some most excellent dancing, too. One may right here make his bow to Miss Fritze de Guy and the eight ladies of the chorus in token of thanks for some most attractive dances. Miss de Guy is a dancer who should be further heard of. There was the "Texas Dance," too, by Mr. Albert Leonard and Miss Caroline Phillips. This is the quaintest thing of the kind we have seen for a long time.

But the tit-bit of the evening was Madame Lloyd's second song. Her artistry in that song will not be forgotten for some time to come. Messrs. Stanhope, Le Blanc, and Lydston were in their best form, though in the friendliest way in the world one may hint to the last-named that he might give his words a chance. They rush like the entrant of a fiddler. Life is short, it is true, but we don't want to make up time by hearing words spoken at nineteen to the dozen in the theatre. Mr. Lydston is clever—so clever that one thinks it worth while to offer him this friendly hint.

Altogether "Fiddle Dee Dee" is a great laughter-maker and worth seeing—twice if possible.

THE UNIVERSITY BAZAAR.

Though weather militated somewhat against the receipts at the University Bazaar yesterday, we are informed that the average was maintained, between five and six thousand dollars being taken. The programme last night concluded with an excellent display of fireworks.

YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kottwall's circular dated March 15, contains the following:—Our last circular was issued on the 2nd instant per a.s. Assaye. We have to report an absolutely blank fortnight, not a single transaction having come under our notice. This state of our market may be ascribed to two main reasons, these being, firstly, the heavy bookings of the previous fortnight had to be digested, and, secondly, the chaotic condition of the neighbouring province and the renewed fighting now going on between various sections of the so-called People's Army in Canton.

The present outbreak has thoroughly alarmed the Chinese dealers, and it is much to be feared that, having suspended all fresh business, the dealers will also be compelled to discontinue taking deliveries, the result of which would be a deadlock in the trade. On the other hand, importers are anxious sellers, but even a concession of \$2 to \$3 per bale has failed to induce the Chinese to respond. Unsold stocks 20,000 bales.

Sold but undelivered in the godown and to arrive 25,000 bales. Arrivals.—The mail str. Devanha and extra str. Colombo and Wakasa Maru from Bombay, and str. Kul-sang from Calcutta have brought in 11,030 bales for Hongkong and 11,911 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to coast ports, etc., amount to about 2,000 bales.

Local Mill.—Nothing done. Shanghai.—A weak market and a downward tendency. Japanese Yarn.—No business. Raw Cotton. Bengal.—No stock.

Chinese.—A lot of 280 small bales have changed hands at \$34 to \$37 at an advance of \$3 to \$4 per picul. Stock 560 small bales. Quotations Bengal at \$30 to \$34, Chinese \$33 to \$37.

CHURCH SERVICE.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 17th March, 4th Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion 8.15 a.m. Matins 11 a.m. Responses: Ferial; Venite: Crotch; Psalms: of the 17th Morning; Benedicite: Frost in D; Benedictus: Troutbeck in E; Anthem: "Jesu, Word of God." Mozart; Holy Communion 11.45 a.m.; Kyrie: Hopkins in A; Hymns: 256, 314; N.B.—Psalm 81, verses 1, 2, 9, 10, 14 and 17 in unison; Psalm 87, verses 1, 4 and G. P. in unison; Psalm 88, verses 1, 3, 10, 14 and 18 in unison; Evensong 5.45 p.m. Responses: Ferial; Psalms: of the 17th evening; 2; Magnificat: Fitzherbert (24th evening); Nunc Dimittis: Wesley; Hymns: 238, 183 and 228; Preacher: Rev. C. E. Thompson, B.A. N.B.—Psalm 89, verses 1, 2, 9, 16, 20, 25, 30 and 37 in unison; Psalm 80, verses 45 and G. P. in unison.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.—Sunday, March 17, 1912, 4th Sunday in Lent. Morning Prayer, 11.00 a.m. Hymn, 7. Venite, XXVII day, Crotch. Psalms, XXXVII Morning LXXXVI Smith. LXXXVII Wallace. Benedictus, Langdon. Hymns, 282, 630, 317. God Save the King.—Holy Communion, after the Morning Service. Sunday School will be held as usual at 3.00 p.m. in the Boy Scout's Headquarters on the Church Ground. Evening Prayer, 6.00 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Foster Pegg. Hymns, 35. Psalms, XXVII Evening. Psalms, LXXXIX Hayes, Woodward and Monk. Cantata Domino, Crotch. Deus Misereatur, Havergal. Hymns, 268, 284, 25. Vesper Hymn.

Christian Science Services. Macdonell Road, Church near Peak Tramway. Sunday 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting Wednesday 5.45 p.m. Free to all.

Garrison Divine Service.—Divine Service will be conducted to-morrow as follows:—

Church of England, Victoria, Cathedral 9.15 a.m., Chaplain; Detention Barrack, Detention Barrack, 8.30 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Stonecutters, Barracks, Under Orders, Senior Officer; Military Hospital, Bowen Road, 6 p.m., Chaplain R.N.; Lyemun, Barracks, Under Orders, Senior Officer; Kowloon, St. Andrew's Church, 11 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Mount Austin, Barracks, Under Orders, Senior Officer; Baptist, Congregationalist, Presbyterian, Victoria, Union Church, 11 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Wesleyan, Victoria, Wesleyan Church, 10.15 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Mount Austin, 9 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Roman Catholic, Victoria, St. Joseph's Church, 10 a.m., Offg. Clergyman; Kowloon, Rosary Church, 9 a.m., Offg. Clergyman.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying in the Great Northern Telegraph Company's Office at Hongkong:—Chaney E. A., Hongkong Hotel; Chienang; Chongchingloong, Mercer Street; Chokkengoo, Sienyu; Hangsingtai; Iquique; Kwanaat; Kwonheeyin; Meyer Adolf; c/o German Consulate; Mora; Astor; Torostero; Wangbingchung, Staunton Street; Wangchichuan Hotel, Chonhon; 0022, 3383, 1344, 7127 (2), 0022, 3883, 2212, 2052, 0437, 2504, 1684, 4382, 5281, 1120, 0670, 0022, 2480, 0342, 3152, 5887, 2494, 7127, 2995, 1505, 3057, 2490, 4099, 3390, 1344, 5894, 0337, 0017, 0448.

The following telegrams are lying in the Eastern Extension Office:—Ainchoy care of Hock-tongheon Cheebakin from Rangoon; Alemannia from London; Bard Peak Hotel from Oxenardal; Boteler Hongkong Hotel from Manila; Captain Hunt Punjabis from London-sub; Denbert (2 telegrams) from Saigon; Hock-tongain Cho Ebskway from Rang on; Jaun Wali, Connaught Road from Friezland; Kangnam from Cholon; Kechong from Onklandal; Konghaplong from Manila; Kwoononwoolong from Cholon; Kwongsangning 155 Des Vaux from San Francisco; Lambert from Manila; Lee from Hamburg; Mablecarry from Manila; Major Alonzo Gray Steamer Yuensang from Manila; McGill care of Hongkong Hotel from Shanghai; Pun Sui Shan Hotel China Praya from Macao; Quangenlong Bonhan Strand from Cienfuegos; Redbois

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MATHESON LANG COMPANY.

"Macbeth."

"Macbeth" was produced at the Theatre Royal last night by the Matheson Lang Company. There was a good house.

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"LOLLING."

A writer of some discrimination states that nowadays there is very little lolling done. The tendency of the age, it is remarked, is all against lolling, and doctors regard a loller with utter horror. In fact, there only remain two places in which to loll: the hammock and the stall. As regards the former, lolling is not what it used to be; because really, to loll in a hammock you ought to be in the shade out of the sun; and, of course, during last summer there was no shade. We are left when lolling in the stalls. And here again the loller is hit, for lolling under the Reinhardt regime is a matter of difficulty. When you were quite certain that you were indubitably separated from the stage by the orchestra your frame of mind could be compatible with rolling in your stall, if your desired to do so. But when you are never sure whether the chorus will not bound out of a trap concealed beneath the fauteuils of Row E, you are more inclined to sit with every muscle tense, ready to save yourself being trodden upon, inadvertently by a chorister. And they are overdoing the

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Saturday, March 16.
Departure of Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard for England.
University Bazaar.
Hughes Comedy Co., Victoria Theatre.

Sunday, March 17.
South China Rifle Association meeting. First day.

Monday, March 18.
Ordinary Annual Meeting, Royal Ascent Waters Manufactory. 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20.
Annual General Meeting of the Hongkong Club, 5.15.

Thursday, March 21.
The Gondoliers, Hongkong A. D. C., City Hall, p.m.

Friday, March 22.
21st Half Yearly Drawing of Debentures, Hongkong Club.

The Gondoliers.
Saturday, March 23.
The Gondoliers.

Monday, March 25.
Annual Meeting China Sugar Refining Co., noon.

Annual Meeting Luzon Sugar Refining Co., 12.15 p.m.

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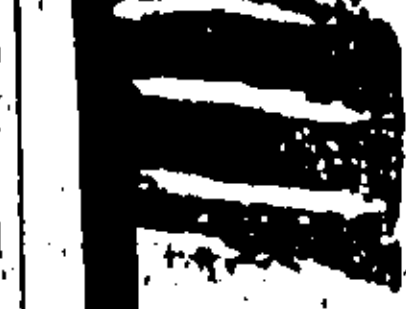
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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tjitaroom	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	1st half Mar.
Tjipanas	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAVA	1st half Mar.
Tjibodas	JAVA	1st half Mar.	SHANGHAI	1st half Mar.
Tjilahl	JAPAN	1st half Mar.	JAVA	1st half Mar.
Tjilivong	JAVA	1st half Mar.	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.
Tjilmanok	JAVA	1st half Mar.	SHANGHAI	1st half April
Tjilatjap	JAVA	2nd half Mar.	SHANGHAI	1st half April

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Telephone No. 375 York Building.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA

Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE

Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration)

S.S. "Chiyu Maru"	...21,000	W. W. Green	May 7th, Noon.
S.S. "Tenyo Maru"	...21,000	E. Bent	June 4th, Noon.

† These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screws.
 All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

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The triple screw steamer "Shinyo Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 9th April, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Tuesday, 28th May, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz.)

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexico, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to Alteration)

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Buyo Maru ... 10,500		Tuesday, April 9, Noon.
Hongkong Maru ... 11,000		Friday, June 7, Noon.
Kiyo Maru ... 17,500		Saturday, Aug. 6, Noon.

For Further Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to K. MATSUDA, Agent (KING'S BUILDING Opposite Blake Pier)

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APPLY

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

LOG BOOK.

A Rubber Co.'s Cargo Launch.

An interesting little stern-wheeler, built by Messrs. John I. Thornycroft & Co., Ltd., has just been shipped in pieces, after trial, to the Orinoco, up which river she will be taken as far as Oabayar, and thence overland to the river Ari Ari, where she is to serve. She has been supplied for the H. & U. Rubber Co. The conditions under which the final stage of the journey is passed necessitated that no piece should exceed 1,500lb. in weight, and this has been achieved by fitting machinery of the Thornycroft steam-wagon type. The dimensions of the boat are:—length, 50'-0" on waterline; breadth, 12'-3"; depth, 4'-0"; draft, when loaded with 10 tons cargo, under 24". The engine, which is situated aft, runs at 500 revolutions, and the power is transmitted through a gear box (by which means reversing is effected) and then to the wheel by a chain-drive. The gearing and chain-drive are arranged so that the wheel can be run at a speed of about 40 revolutions. The boiler is placed in a well, forward, and is arranged to burn wood as fuel, which is carried on either side of the boiler below deck. Between the engine and boiler is a large hold in which the cargo is carried. A large hatch is arranged over, fitted with portable hatch-covers.

An awning is fitted over about 40 ft. of the length of boat and is made of galvanized corrugated iron sheets, carried on a steel framework and supported on tubular stanchions. The vessel is steered by a hand-steering gear and wheel from the bridge at the fore end of the awning deck. This gear operates simultaneously the two rudders with which the vessel is fitted, and on trials the boat was found to steer as well going astern as going ahead. It is also fitted with a small steam capstan forward for warping purposes and for hauling off sand-banks. The hull is built throughout with a flat bottom and square-bilge.

A small cooking range is placed forward for use of the crew. A speed of from 7.1-2 to 8 miles was guaranteed when full loaded, and this was exceeded on trial.

Two months sufficed for the construction of the boat, which is particularly well adapted for the up-river work for which it is intended. It will be re-erected at destination after being transported up the Orinoco on a raft or by steaming and will cross to the River Ari Ari by coolies or oxen transport. It will conclude its journey by means of native canoes, and finally is to be used for transporting raw rubber and other produce to the distributing town.

On the new Cunard liner, Laconia, which is now in the course of construction, passengers may have mounts on mechanically-driven horses.

It is stated that a reserve squadron of the U.S. Pacific Fleet is to be formed by the Pennsylvania, Oregon, Relief, and St. Louis, which will later be joined by the West Virginia, Milwaukee, Charleston, Chattanooga, Galveston, and Cleveland. A reserve Atlantic fleet will also be organized in May next.

Systematic boycotting of quene Chinese is going on in many parts of Selangor, says the "Malay Mail." At the Market, Kuala Lumpur, quene sellers are left severely alone by quene buyers, whilst on several of the estates the few quene coolies who remain are afraid to go into the towns and villages to buy. On one estate, it is said, the quene Chinese are actually purchasing their rice from the Tamil coolies also employed there.

COMMERCIAL.

Share Report.

A large business has been transacted during the week and most of our local stocks close in demand. Shanghai has also been an active market for Indos at \$03.1-2 and 64 and a good number of shares have been placed with that port. Langkats have also been sold freely for Shanghai account at Tls. 75, Tls. 70 and Tls. 77.

Rubber is quoted from London at 4-10.1-2 per lb., quiet.

Bar Silver is quoted at 26.7-8 per oz. for ready and 26.10-13 for forward delivery, dull.

Exchange on London opened to-day at 1-11 T.T.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have declined in London from 284, at which rate they were quoted in our last report to 283; business has been transacted locally at \$852.1-2, \$850 and \$845 and the market closes with buyers at the latter rate.

Marine Insurances.—Unions are unchanged at \$880 with small sellers at this rate. Yangtzes are quoted from the North at \$210 and North Chinas at Tls. 150.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires are firm at \$124, Hongkong Fires have sold at \$332 ex. dividend, and a few more shares are obtainable at this rate.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Miao Steamboats are offering at \$20.1-4. Shell transports are quoted from London as 95/-, Indo Chinas, after sales at \$63.1-2 and \$64 have buyers at the latter rate; the London quotation is 26. China and Manilas have sold at \$11.3-4 and \$11.1-2, the market closing with buyers at the latter rate. Douglas's are a neglected market at \$21. Star Ferries (old) are wanted at \$27 and the new shares are quoted nominal at \$17.1-2.

Mining.—Raubs have declined to \$4.1-2 sellers. Langkats are easier at Tls. 75, ex. dividend, sellers.

Refineries.—China Sugars have buyers at \$107, and Luzons are quoted \$32, sellers.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are wanted at \$43. Shanghai Docks have sellers at \$57. Kowloon Wharves have sold at \$51.1-2 and there are further sellers at this rate. Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves have declined to Tls. 87.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands after sales at \$90.1-2 are wanted at \$100. Shanghai Lands remain unchanged at Tls. 88. Humphreys Estates are a strong market with buyers at \$4.3-4 to \$7.00. Kowloon Lands at \$34 and West Points at \$52.1-2 can be placed at quotations. Hongkong Hotels (old) are wanted at \$104; the new issue steady at \$68.1-2.

Miscellaneous.—Cements at 4.1-4, China Borneos at \$9.1-2, Hongkong Electrics at \$21.1-2, Union Waterboats at 7.1-4, China Light and Powers at \$1.1-4, A. S. Watsons at \$5.00, Ropes at \$17 and Dairy Farms at \$20.1-2 can be placed at quotations.

Quotations received from London by wire to-day:—

Shell Transports 95/6
Tronohs 69/6
Bertams 5/-
Eastern Internationals 20/-
London Ventures 2/-
Merlimans 4/-

Wright and Hornby,
Share and General Brokers.

General Viljeen, the Boer war veteran, has renounced his American citizenship and received Mexican naturalization papers.

The latest drawing-room hobby in Paris is an anti-hill under a glass case, which affords the absorbing spectacle of an army of these insects at work.

According to a telegram from Mexico City rebel-prisoners are being executed on a wholesale scale throughout the country. No quarter is being given in battle. President Madero has put a price on General Zapata's head.

Public Companies

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Office of the General Managers, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1912, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1911, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1912, until SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1912, both days inclusive. SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 15th March, 1912. [243]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 26th March, at 12.15 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents. Hongkong, 6th March, 1912. [218]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 26th March, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 12th to 25th March, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents. Hongkong, 6th March, 1912. [217]

THE ROYAL AERATED WATERS MANUFACTORY.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at Mr. F. X. d'Almeida e Castro Office, No. 33, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 19th day of March, 1912, at 5 p.m., for the purpose of submitting the Report of the Directors and Accounts.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1912. [235]

THE ROYAL AERATED WATERS MANUFACTORY.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be held at Mr. F. X. d'Almeida e Castro Office, No. 33, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 18th day of March, 1912, at 5 p.m., for the purpose of considering a Scheme of arrangement for the enlargement of the Company's business; under which, Mr. Danenberg the present Manager of the Company proposes and recommends that the Management of the Company's business should be transferred from him and entrusted to Messrs. Kwong Sang Hong, Ltd.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1912. [236]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP, \$1,350,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property &c.

Goods received on Storage.

Advances made on Merchandise.

Loans made on the Provident System.

(Rules and Particulars on application.)

THE OFFICE OF TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c., Undertaken and Executed.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1912. [238]

Notices

THOSE wishing to enter for the SOLDIERS' CLUB CRICKET AND FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD, Competitions should notify Mr. THORNHILL of the Soldiers' Club.

Estimate Fee \$5.
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1912. [218]

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

TENDERS are invited for the lease of one or both SHOPS on the new Ferry Wharf opposite Ico House Street.

Apply to: Secretary, "STAR" Ferry Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 15th March, 1912. [240]

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

EIGHT Famine Districts with an area of 80,000 square miles. TWO and a half million people (living starvation).

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY.

IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE.

Treasurer, H. C. GULLAND, Esq., Manager, International Banking Corporation, Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th Jan. 1912. [111]

Consignees

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "MONTROSE" FROM GLASGOW, LIVER POOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being loaded at their risk into the Godowns of Holt's Wharf at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 16th instant, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 9th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th inst., at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1912. [238]

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP "SAINT PATRICK" FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the H. K. W. & Co. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 12th prox. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 19th inst. at 2.30 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1912. [242]

"GEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

S.S. "BENLOMOND"

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDELBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 28th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 22nd inst., at 11 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1912. [247]

Banks

INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

CAPITAL PAID UP...Gold \$3,250,000
RESERVE FUND...Gold \$3,250,000

HEAD OFFICE: 60 Wall Street, New York

LONDON OFFICE: 85, Bishopsgate.

LONDON BANKERS.

NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LD.

THE CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

BRANCHES AND AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE Corporation transacts every description of Banking and Exchange Business, receives money on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances and accepts Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

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